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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HIDAKA, Haretaro et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1725

Serial No.: 10/058,223

Examiner: **STONER, Kiley Shawn**

Filed: **January 29, 2002**

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**FOR: INTEGRATED PIPING PLATE, MACHINING METHOD FOR SAME,
MACHINING APPARATUS FOR SAME, AND MACHINING EQUIPMENT FOR
SAME**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1725

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 3, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 28, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.